

GENERAL NEWS

The Lesser Events of Last Week.

The National Grange convened at Portland, Ore.

Chairman Taggart says he has no intention of resigning.

Judge Parker has opened a law office in New York City.

Lou Dillon paced a mile in two minutes and one second at Memphis.

It is stated the President will not discuss the tariff in his next message.

Marshal Oyama threatens a flank attack on General Kuropatkin along the Shakhe.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney was inaugurated president of the University of Cincinnati.

The losses of the Russians in the battle of the Shakhe River is officially put at 33,250.

Mrs. Maybrick contradicts reports that she intends to go on the stage or the lecture platform.

The Russian foreign office declares there is no cause for alarmist reports regarding the hitch in the Anglo-Russian convention.

Secretary Hay will continue in Roosevelt's cabinet during the four years beginning next March.

Representative J. A. T. Hull, an Iowa "stand-patter," believes the tariff and revenue laws will be revised.

Advices from Panama state that President Amador has frustrated a conspiracy to overthrow his government.

The Japanese now hold the outer forts of Port Arthur, but have not succeeded in taking any of the main fortifications.

The Methodist General Missionary Committee adjourned after having made appropriations of nearly \$157,000 for mission.

The Standard Oil Co. declared a dividend of \$7 a share, making a total for the year of 36 per cent. against 44 per cent last year.

Hugh Smith Thompson, comptroller of the New York Life Insurance Company, and former Governor of South Carolina, is critically ill.

Certain rebates granted railroads owned by so-called trusts by other carriers, were pronounced excessive by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Announcement was made of the completion of the fund of \$600,000 for the erection of a national monument to the late President McKinley.

Col. Frank J. Hecker has resigned as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission because, he says, the climate of Panama disagrees with him.

The sending and receiving of wireless telegraphic messages by means of apparatus in a balloon was proved practicable by an experiment at the World's Fair.

Chairman Taggart, of the National Democratic Committee, says Joseph W. Folk, Governor-elect of Missouri, would make an excellent candidate for President in 1908.

The trial of Nan Patterson, the actress, for the murder of Caesar Young, the bookmaker, was begun in New York.

Vice-President-elect C. W. Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon made speeches in honor of the departure of the Liberty Bell from the St. Louis Exposition.

The Virginia Baptist Association, in session at Petersburg, adopted resolutions in opposition to lynching and Governor Montague made a speech in their support.

The Russian commander at Port Arthur has issued orders to his troop to die at their posts rather than surrender; the garrison is thought to have reached the limit of human endurance.

Delegates representing the Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist and other churches will meet in New York in 1905 to discuss the question of church union.

The Colorado Supreme Court has ordered the canvass of votes stopped at the instance of the Republican committee, and it is claimed enough Adams votes may be thrown out to elect Peabody.

An extra session of the Fifty-ninth Congress may be called by the President to consider revenue legislation and the strengthening of the law prohibiting discrimination by railroads in favor of large shippers.

A letter from President Roosevelt was made public in which he says: "I have always been saddened rather than angered by the attacks upon me in the South. I am half a Southerner myself; and I can say with all possible sincerity, that the interests of the South are exactly as dear to me as the interests of the North."

Founder of the Catholic University Leaves the Church.

Some years ago Miss Gwendolin Caldwell attracted attention by giving \$300,000 to found the divinity college of the Roman Catholic University in Washington. Later Miss Caldwell married the Marquise Des Monstiers, a French nobleman, and has since then lived abroad. The other day she gave the Associated Press a statement in which she says: "Yes, it is true that I have left the Roman Catholic Church. Since I have been living in Europe my eyes have been opened to what that Church really is, and to its anything but sanctity."

"For years, I have been trying to rid myself of the subtle yet overwhelming influence of a Church which pretends not only to the privilege of being 'the only true Church,' but of being alone able to open the gates of heaven to a sorrowful, sinful world. At last my honest Protestant blood has asserted itself and I now forever repudiate and cast off 'the yoke of Rome.'"

Conditions at Port Arthur.

A private letter from Port Arthur recently received at Shanghai, says: "General Stoessel wired the Rus-

sian Emperor and court recently: 'I now bid you all good bye for ever. Port Arthur is my grave.' General Stoessel has instilled the garrison of the beleaguered fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation. The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications. The arsenal, with its contents of ammunition and small arms, has been destroyed and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off, wells are being sunk. Provisions are scarce. Only tinned meats being left, the soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed by the shells. General Simonoff, it is said, would surrender but is over-ruled by General Stoessel.

"Certain troops included in the garrison have to be closely watched at present for fear of desertion or treachery."

"The field and naval hospitals are crowded and hygienic conditions are becoming desperate. The bombardment at times is so incessant that it is impossible to bury the dead to any depth. Over one-half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick. The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed by the Japanese has practically destroyed the new town."

"When the fleet attempted to break through the blockade sometime ago the garrison was to have made a desperate sortie and inflict as much damage as possible and, if necessary, capitulate. The failure of the fleet to escape frustrated the plan. The besiegers are pressing closer daily, and it is hard to say how long we can hold out. When the end comes, there will be a desperate fight and thousands of the enemy will perish, as everything is wired."

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